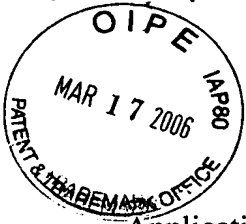


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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2005 be extended for a period of one (1) month from February 17, 2006, to and including, March 17, 2006.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$120.00. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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